

## APPENDIX G: RESOURCE DIRECTORY

### FOREST MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION

**The Resource Directory identifies sources of information and assistance in the management of forest resources.** A number of organizations and agencies are listed, along with a brief description of

the types of assistance they can provide, and contact information. This directory is not exhaustive. Links to other sources of information are available from the Internet sites listed within the Resource Directory. Additional resources related to specific management activities can also be found at the end of each chapter.

### Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



#### FORESTERS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN WHO ASSIST PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

Wisconsin DNR service foresters are stationed in every county. They focus on initial guidance and management planning to get landowners started with sustainable forestry and also administer forest tax and cost-sharing incentive programs. Wisconsin DNR foresters can also help get information for landowners from forest health specialists, wildlife biologists, and other resource managers at the Wisconsin DNR.

#### PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FORESTERS (CONSULTING AND INDUSTRIAL FORESTERS) THAT HAVE SIGNED A COOPERATING FORESTER AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT

Cooperating Foresters voluntarily agree to observe Wisconsin DNR standards and rules whenever they assist with land management planning and timber harvesting. Cooperating Foresters also agree to attend continuing education courses to stay current in the services they offer. Consulting foresters serve or represent private landowners on a contract or fee basis, which the landowner pays. Industrial foresters are employed by wood-using industries that provide advice and assistance to private landowners to promote forestry practices approved by the companies.

Pick up a copy of the *Directory of Foresters* from Wisconsin DNR Service Centers and Ranger Stations, or request one by writing or calling:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry  
PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707  
**Phone 608-267-7495**

To find a Wisconsin DNR or Cooperating Forester that will serve your county, please visit our Forestry Assistance Locator at <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/private/assist/coopforesters/>.

The current *Directory of Foresters* may be viewed online, or downloaded from the Wisconsin DNR web site at [http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/pdf/current\\_foresters\\_directory.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/pdf/current_foresters_directory.pdf).

To view the *Silviculture Handbook, 2431.5*, see the following web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Publications/Handbooks/24315/>.

## University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX)

Through county-based faculty, basin educators, and statewide extension specialists, UWEX offers a variety of research-based educational programs and opportunities including agriculture, forestry, wildlife, fisheries, family living, 4-H, and more.

For woodland owners and others interested in forestry, wildlife and related natural resource topics, UWEX works with a wide array of partners to provide education resources that include:

- Forestry and wildlife fact sheets and publications
- Woodland owner workshops and conferences
- In-depth forestry and wildlife learning experiences through COVERTS, Master Woodland Stewards, and the Woodland Leaders Institute
- Continuing education for resource professionals
- Assistance to the forest products industry

For more on publications, visit your local UWEX County Office, or download Extension publications from this web site <http://woodlandinfo.org>. An introduction to forest management and land ownership is available at the Wisconsin Woodland Assistance web site, <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/woodland/>. For more information on programs available through UWEX, visit your local UWEX County Office at [www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/), or contact any of the following:

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology  
1630 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 53706  
**Phone 608-262-9975, Fax 608-262-9922**  
<http://forestandwildlifeecology.wisc.edu/>

UWEX Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Wisconsin counties, the University of Wisconsin, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend research-based knowledge to people where they live and work. UWEX provides equal opportunities and programming including Title IX requirements.

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION

Basin Educator Forestry Team  
107 Sutliff Avenue  
Rhineland, WI 54501-0695  
**Phone 715-365-2658, Fax 715-365-8932**  
**Email [william.klase@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:william.klase@ces.uwex.edu)**  
**<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/>**

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT

College of Natural Resources  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897  
**Phone: 715-346-4128, Fax: 715-346-4038**  
**Email [john.duplissis@uwsp.edu](mailto:john.duplissis@uwsp.edu)**  
**[www.uwsp.edu/forestry/outreach/index.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/forestry/outreach/index.aspx)**

### LOOKING FOR EXTENDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABOUT FORESTRY?

County Extension agents and others offer an eight-session **Master Woodland Stewards** program, patterned after the Master Gardeners training. They teach skills including:

- Understanding forest ecology
- Managing for wildlife
- Managing for aesthetics
- Enhancing recreation values
- Financial and tax considerations
- Tips on timber harvesting
- Available cost-sharing programs
- Dealing with forest pests and problems
- Legal issues of woodland ownership

Another opportunity is the **Wisconsin Woodland Leadership Institute**. Each year, about 30 people interested in being active in forestry organizations are selected to attend three seminars of two- to three-days each. A variety of instructors from the U.S. Forest Service, state and local government, the University, and private organizations conduct the classes. Contact UW-Stevens Point for more information.

## Forest Industry Safety Training Alliance (FISTA)

FISTA provides training programs on logging and other forestry activities for forestry professionals, woodland owners, special interest groups, municipalities, and others. The content of the classes is based off the National Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard.

FISTA, 3243 Golf Course Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501  
**Phone 1-800-551-2656 • Email [info@fistausa.org](mailto:info@fistausa.org) • <http://fistausa.org>**

## Wisconsin Family Forests (WFF)

Wisconsin Family Forests, WFF, is a 501c3 nonprofit woodland owner organization dedicated to *“responsible forestry on family owned woodlands in Wisconsin.”* WFF introduces woodland owners to the resources and trusted professionals that they need to care for their land and supports woodland owner efforts to keep their woodlands healthy. It does this by providing outreach to address the needs of “Potential Stewards.” Potential stewards are those who have not yet utilized professional assistance in caring for their woodlands. We believe that caring for the woods is a journey of learning about how to best care for the woodlands that we all love and appreciate.

Wisconsin Family Forests complements and supports the efforts of many other organizations including the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Organization and Tree Farm. We do not have membership fees, but welcome contributions from those who believe in our mission.

Our ultimate goal is that, *“Woodland owners will recognize the benefits of healthy woodland management and actively care for their woods.”*

Wisconsin Family Forests  
 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700  
 Oshkosh, WI 54901-9731  
**Phone 715-213-1618**  
**[info@wisconsinfamilyforests.org](mailto:info@wisconsinfamilyforests.org)**  
**[www.wisconsinfamilyforests.org](http://www.wisconsinfamilyforests.org)**

## Community Forestry Resource Center (CFRC)

CFRC, a program of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, promotes responsible forest management by encouraging the long-term health and prosperity of small, privately-owned woodlots, their owners, and their communities.

The CFRC serves as a resource for landowners, resource managers and loggers, and communities in the Midwest by providing educational information on forest management and emerging markets like biomass. Our web site and bi-weekly listserv (**[www.forestrycenter.org](http://www.forestrycenter.org)**) also provide information of interest on these topics, local events and more.

The CFRC also hosts workshops and training sessions for landowners, resource managers and loggers.

For more information about the CFRC, contact:

Community Forestry Resource Center  
 2105 First Avenue South  
 Minneapolis, MN 55404  
**Phone 612-870-3407**  
**Email [forestrycenter@iatp.org](mailto:forestrycenter@iatp.org)**

To locate a wood cooperative or other local forestry association in your area, see the CFRC web site at **[www.forestrycenter.org](http://www.forestrycenter.org)**.

## Gathering Waters

Gathering Waters is a land conservation organization formed in 1994 to assist land trusts, landowners and communities in their efforts to protect Wisconsin's land and water resources. Established by a coalition of land trusts, Gathering Waters serves as an education and technical assistance center for both land trusts and landowners. But their mission goes far beyond training and providing expert advice on land conservation issues. Gathering Waters works directly with concerned landowners and existing land trusts statewide to preserve Wisconsin's natural heritage and rural landscape.

Gathering Waters  
211 South Paterson Street, Suite 270, Madison, WI 53703  
**Phone 608-251-9131 • [www.gatheringwaters.org](http://www.gatheringwaters.org)**

## United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### FOREST SERVICE NORTHEAST AREA

The U.S. Forest Service provides technical assistance through its State and Private Forestry Northeast Area (NA) Office. The NA web site **[www.na.fs.fed.us/](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/)** offers a vast selection of forestry publications from organizations around the country. If you have an Internet browser, you may want to start at "A Forest Landowner's Guide to the Internet" **<http://na.fs.fed.us/pubs/misc/flg/>**.

It includes links to publications for the following:

- riparian forest management
- wildlife/hunting
- tree identification
- seedling suppliers
- forest health and protection
- tree planting
- special forest products
- timber sales
- glossaries of forestry terms
- recreation
- income tax and estate planning
- silviculture
- and much, much more!

### FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)

**[www.fsa.usda.gov/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/)**

FSA is the USDA agency into which were merged several predecessor agencies, including the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). FSA is primarily tasked with the implementation of farm conservation and regulation laws around the country. The FSA of each state is led by a politically appointed State Executive Director (SED).

### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

**[www.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/)**

The NRCS, formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), is an agency of the USDA that provides technical assistance to farmers and other private landowners and managers.

## Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA)

WWOA is a nonprofit [501(c)3], educational association for the private woodland owners of Wisconsin. WWOA offers year-round educational opportunities for novice and experienced private woodland owners who want to become better stewards of their woodlands.

WWOA publishes the quarterly, award-winning magazine, *Woodland Management*, and sponsors workshops, conferences, field days, and an annual meeting each year in September. Local WWOA chapters, are located throughout Wisconsin, and are a great way to learn more about local issues, and meet neighboring woodland owners. WWOA also has statewide committees on education, legislation, marketing, science, and publications to help keep members up-to-date on information in these areas.

The WWOA Foundation is developing the Seno Woodland Management Center in southeastern Wisconsin as an educational facility for youths and adults. WWOA works to bridge the gap between woodland owners and natural resource professionals.

For a free information packet on WWOA, contact:

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association  
PO Box 285  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0285  
**Phone 715-346-4798**  
**Email [wwoa@uwsp.edu](mailto:wwoa@uwsp.edu)**  
**[www.wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://www.wisconsinwoodlands.org)**

## American Tree Farm® System (ATFS)

The ATFS is a nationwide program encouraging private forest owners to do an effective job of growing trees as a crop. You may have seen a green and white ATFS sign on your travels around Wisconsin. ATFS is sponsored by professional foresters working for government agencies, industry, and as consulting foresters. ATFS inspectors must meet minimum education and experience requirements.

If you are interested in becoming an ATFS tree farmer, contact the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee or your local Wisconsin DNR forester. They will arrange to have a state, private or industrial forester look at your property to prepare a tree farm management plan. Once certified as an ATFS tree farm, you can display the sign and subscribe to the *American Tree Farmer* magazine. You will receive notices of conferences, conventions, field days, and study tours on forestry. Certified ATFS tree farm landowners are also eligible to compete in annual Outstanding Tree Farmer competitions.

For information on tree farming in Wisconsin, contact:

Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee  
PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
**Phone 715-252-2001 • Email [witreefarm@gmail.com](mailto:witreefarm@gmail.com) • <http://witreefarm.org>**



## Wisconsin Walnut Council

The Wisconsin Walnut Council is a state chapter affiliate of a nationwide organization involved with hardwood management. The council conducts periodic field trips, and is a source of information on growing all types of hardwood trees.

Visit their web site at [www.wiscwalnutcouncil.org](http://www.wiscwalnutcouncil.org).

## CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSISTANCE

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS

[www.wisconsinhistory.org/archaeology/archaeologists-consultants/index.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/archaeology/archaeologists-consultants/index.asp)

### BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION

Wisconsin Historical Society: Burial Sites  
816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706  
Phone: 808-342-7834 or 608-264-6507

### DEPARTMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGIST, DNR

101 South Webster, LF/6, Madison, WI 53703-7921  
Phone 608-266-3462

### HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Wisconsin Historical Society: Historic Preservation  
816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706  
Phone 608-264-6512

### STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Wisconsin Historical Society  
816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706  
Phone 608-264-6496

### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

[www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/protecting/tribes.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/protecting/tribes.asp)

### WISCONSIN ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY INVENTORY

[www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/)

## NON-TIMBER PRODUCTS

Aromatics, berries and wild fruits, cones and seeds, forest botanicals, honey, mushrooms, nuts, syrup, and weaving and dyeing materials are some of the many alternative forest products that people grow and harvest. Special products like these can provide opportunities for entrepreneurs to supplement their incomes. The broader economic framework that results can ultimately help to preserve and protect sustainable forests.

For more information, see *Non-timber Products in the United States*, 2002, edited by E. T. Jones, R. J. McLain and J. Weigand. University Press of Kansas.

The following web sites list additional books, articles and publications, many of which can be downloaded. Both rural and urban forests are addressed.

[www.sfp.forprod.vt.edu/pubs/pubs.htm](http://www.sfp.forprod.vt.edu/pubs/pubs.htm)  
[www.extension.umn.edu/specializations/environment/ntfp.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/specializations/environment/ntfp.html)

## PETROLEUM SPILLS

Notification of petroleum spills: Report all spills to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**24-hour Emergency Hotline Number 1-800-943-0003**

When the phone is answered, press "1" for spills.

## SOURCES OF MAPS AND PLANNING TOOLS

### Aerial Photography

#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

The Wisconsin DNR coordinates an aerial photography project for forestry planning. Flights are repeated at least once every ten years for each county. High-resolution prints and enlargements are available for purchase. Ordering information is available from local Wisconsin DNR foresters, or from the central office:

Division of Forestry  
PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707  
**Phone 608-267-7495**

Ordering forms are available on the DNR web site at **[www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/airphoto/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/airphoto/)**, which also includes a link to digital orthophotos, which may be viewed online.

- DNR WebView: A web based mapping site that allows for viewing of aerial photography, land descriptions, and political boundaries.  
**<http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/applist.html>**

#### USDA

Landowners working with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) on farm programs have access to aerial photographs maintained by the USDA. Contact your local FSA Office (in the telephone directory) for details.

#### TERRASERVER AERIAL PHOTOS

Visit the TerraServer-USA web site, located at **[www.terraserver.com/](http://www.terraserver.com/)**, which provides free public access to a vast data store of aerial photographs and topographic maps of the United States. The TerraServer web site is easy to navigate by selecting a location on a map or entering the name of a place, and is designed to work with common computer systems and web browsers over slow speed communications links.

### DNR Digital Mapping Resources

The Wisconsin DNR web mapping applications listed below display various types of information in map format. Please visit **<http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/applist.html>** for a complete list of these resources.

- Designated Waters
- DNR Managed Lands
- DNR WebView
- GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites
- Natural Heritage Inventory Online Database
- State Natural Area Map Viewer
- Stewardship Grant Acquisitions
- Surface Water Data Viewer
- Topographic Map Download (part of DNR Webview)
- Watershed Management - Dam Safety
- Watershed Management - Floodplain Analysis Database
- Wetlands and Wetland Indicators

## Other Digital Mapping Resources

The Wisconsin Land Information Clearinghouse **[www.sco.wisc.edu/wisclinc/](http://www.sco.wisc.edu/wisclinc/)** is an Internet gateway to geospatial data, land, and reference information, and the Wisconsin agencies that produce or maintain these items.

Links are provided for the following themes:

- Internet map services (online maps built in a web browser)
- Political and administrative boundaries
- Image and base maps
- TIGER and line data (maps from the U.S. Census Bureau)
- Water and hydrography
- Infrastructure
- Natural resources and environment
- Soils and geology

Two federal mapping resources link users to extensive libraries of mapping data from agencies around the country:

- The **U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)** is responsible for building, maintaining, and applying The National Map **<http://nationalmap.gov/>**. It provides public access to high-quality geospatial data and information from multiple partners. You can view The National Map by using your web browser (no special software or download required).
- **Geodata.gov ([www.geodata.gov/](http://www.geodata.gov/))** is a web-based portal for one-stop access to maps, data and other geospatial services. The web site helps to simplify information so everyone can easily find geospatial data, as well as learn more about geospatial projects underway.

## Wisconsin Wetland Inventory and Digital Data

### WISCONSIN WETLAND INVENTORY MAPS

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Watershed Management  
WT/4, PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
**Phone 608-266-8852**

### WISCONSIN WETLAND INVENTORY DIGITAL DATA

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Watershed Management  
WT/4, PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
**Phone 608-266-0756**

Wisconsin wetland inventory maps are also available on the Wisconsin DNR's Surface Water Data Viewer. Other information available includes air photos, topographic maps, floodplain maps, and permit locations.

**[http://dnrmaps.wisconsin.gov/SurfaceWater\\_Viewwer](http://dnrmaps.wisconsin.gov/SurfaceWater_Viewwer)**



## Topographic Maps

### U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) provides science for a changing world by delivering reliable and impartial information that describes the Earth, its natural processes, and its natural species. This information is used to manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources, and to enhance and protect our quality of life. The USGS works with every state in the country, cooperating with more than 2,000 organizations to provide information for resource managers in the public and private sectors.

**Phone 1-800-USA-MAPS**

**[www.usgs.gov/pubprod/](http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/)**

### LOCAL RETAILERS

Topographic maps are available in a number of retail locations throughout the state, including local sporting goods stores, outfitters, bookstores, and engineering supply stores (check the Yellow Pages under “Maps”).

### WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY (WGNHS)

The WGNHS, a part of the University of Wisconsin Extension, is an interdisciplinary organization that conducts natural resources surveys and research to produce information used for decision-making, problem-solving, planning, management, education, and development. For more information, contact:

Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey

3817 Mineral Point Road

Madison, WI 53705-5100

**Map Sales 608-263-7389**

**Information 608-262-1705**

**[www.uwex.edu/wgnhs/](http://www.uwex.edu/wgnhs/)**

### LOCAL LIBRARIES

Check with your local library for the availability of maps.

## Soil Surveys, Soil Interpretation, and Erosion Control

### WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Published soil survey reports for most Wisconsin counties are available through your local NRCS or county Land Conservation Department offices.

Soil survey reports include:

- Detailed soil maps on an aerial photo background
- Descriptions of the soils
- Soil use and management information
- Recreational development information
- Soil property and interpretation information in table format

More information about soil survey reports is available at <http://soils.usda.gov/survey/>.

### MAPPING PORTAL

**<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>**

### SOILS LAB ANALYSIS

University of Wisconsin Soil and Plant Analysis Labs are located in Madison and Marshfield. Contact <http://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/> for a fee schedule.

## Statewide and Landscape Level Tools

### WISCONSIN WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

*Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan* (2006). Department of Natural Resources, Madison, Wisconsin. Wisconsin's Wildlife Action Plan (WWAP) identifies native animals that are in greatest need of conservation, along with the habitats (natural communities) and places (Ecological Landscapes) they use.

The plan is part of a nationwide effort to outline steps needed to conserve wildlife and habitat before they become rarer and more costly to protect. The plan is available online with tools to quickly access information from the plan: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/wwap/explore/>. These web pages provide lists of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) by Ecological Landscape and natural community type, as well as the places in the state that offer the best opportunities to maintain these species and their habitats. These pages are closely integrated with other Wisconsin DNR web pages for Ecological Landscapes, natural communities, and rare species information.

### ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPES OF WISCONSIN HANDBOOK

Wisconsin is comprised of 16 Ecological Landscapes, each with its own unique ecological characteristics and management opportunities. Ecological Landscapes have been used as a geographical framework for numerous Wisconsin planning efforts, from statewide bird conservation plans (e.g., [www.wisconsinbirds.org/plan/](http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/plan/)) and plans to identify Wisconsin's recreation and conservation priorities ([www.dnr.state.wi.us/master\\_planning/land\\_legacy/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/master_planning/land_legacy/)) to individual master plans for state-managed properties.

The Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin Handbook is an ambitious effort to provide a comprehensive guide to all 16 Ecological Landscapes. The handbook is designed as a planning resource, highlighting important ecological considerations and providing information about each Ecological Landscape's physical environment, biology, and socio-economic resources. Management opportunities to sustain

species, natural communities, and other ecologically important features in Wisconsin are suggested using a statewide, regional, and continental perspective. In addition, the best locations in the state at which to apply these management opportunities are identified.

The handbook will also include extensive background information, summaries of important management opportunities, many useful maps, and descriptions of Wisconsin's natural communities. Information in the handbook can be easily coordinated with information from the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan and other tools. The publication will be completed in 2010 and available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/landscapes/>.

### WISCONSIN BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE ALL BIRD PLAN

[www.wisconsinbirds.org/plan/](http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/plan/)

The Wisconsin All-bird Conservation Plan synthesizes the requirements and conservation issues of 116 priority bird species and provides recommendations for habitat protection, restoration, and management that will have the greatest impact on bird populations.

### WISCONSIN LAND LEGACY REPORT

*Wisconsin Land Legacy Report: An inventory of places to meet Wisconsin's future conservation and recreation needs*, Wisconsin DNR, Madison, WI, 2006. This report identifies places across the state believed to be most critical to meeting current and future conservation and recreation needs. Available online at [www.dnr.state.wi.us/master\\_planning/land\\_legacy/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/master_planning/land_legacy/index.html).

### DRIFTLESS AREA INITIATIVE

This guide was developed as a forestry management planning tool for use in heavily forested landscapes where habitat for interior forest dependent bird species is a priority. This guide attempts to integrate the best available understanding of forest interior bird habitat needs with existing silvicultural tools and knowledge. [www.driftlessareainitiative.org/pdf/Managing\\_from\\_a\\_Landscape\\_Perspective\\_Web\\_Version\\_1\\_1.pdf](http://www.driftlessareainitiative.org/pdf/Managing_from_a_Landscape_Perspective_Web_Version_1_1.pdf)

## FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Wisconsin offers landowners two important categories of financial incentives to help reduce the expenses of owning and caring for woodlands:

- State forest tax laws that help reduce property taxes.
- Cost-sharing programs that are available from state and federal sources, which reimburse landowners for allowable conservation project expenses.

### Forest Tax Programs

Statewide, approximately 3,000,000 acres are enrolled in the forest tax programs. About 40,000 landowners participate. The Managed Forest Law (MFL) is open to enrollment of tracts of land ten acres and larger in size. The application form is available from your local Wisconsin DNR forester or the Wisconsin DNR web site.

Under the MFL, landowners select a 25- or 50-year designation period. They receive a forest management plan detailing mandatory and recommended practices for the designation period. The incentive for following the plan and complying with other forest tax program requirements is a significant reduction in property taxes, sustainable supply of a raw resource to the forest products industry, clean air, clean water, inclusion in forest certification programs, and wildlife enhancement. For new entries landowners pay a base “acreage share” tax of \$1.67 per acre. People who elect to close their land to public access pay

an additional \$6.67 per acre. MFL rates are adjusted by formula every five years. The next adjustment is scheduled for 2013.

The Department of Natural Resources manages a Group Certification program for non-industrial forestland enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL). MFL Group Certification focuses on Wisconsin DNR’s administration of the group and quality of management on member land. Third-party auditors determine if the MFL Group conforms to American Tree Farm System® (ATFS) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) principles and performance measures. For more information on MFL Group Certification, visit <http://new.dnr.wi.gov/environment/certification>.

The Forest Crop Law (FCL), now closed to enrollment, was an earlier forest tax incentive program. If you are buying forestland, you may come across FCL land. See your local Wisconsin DNR forester for details.

### Cost-sharing Programs

The Wisconsin Landowner Grant Program provides \$1,065,000 annually for stewardship practices on private land. A wide array of practices is eligible for cost-sharing including management plan development, wetland restoration, tree planting, forest improvement, and prairie restoration. A portion of the eligible costs can be refunded to you upon completion of the work. Landowner Grant applications are accepted continuously and approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact your local Wisconsin DNR forester for details. The Wisconsin DNR foresters also help landowners with the following federal cost-sharing programs offered by USDA:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

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Division of Forestry  
PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707  
**Phone 608-267-7495**

More information is available from the Wisconsin DNR web site [www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/).

## FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, WETLAND PROTECTION

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other agencies and organizations can help you manage and restore fish and wildlife habitat, and protect wetlands. Wisconsin DNR offices can also provide current listings of designated trout streams (and their tributaries) and designated trout lakes.

### DNR WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST STATE-WIDE CONTACTS

#### NORTHEAST REGION

Green Bay .....	920-492-5800
Oshkosh.....	920-424-3050
Peshtigo .....	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay.....	920-746-2860

#### NORTHERN REGION

Antigo .....	715-627-4317
Cumberland.....	715-822-3590
Park Falls.....	715-762-3204
Rhineland.....	715-365-8900
Spooner .....	715-635-2101
Superior.....	715-392-7988
Woodruff.....	715-356-5211

#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Dodgeville .....	608-935-3368
Horicon .....	920-387-7860
Janesville .....	608-743-4800
Madison.....	608-275-3266
Poynette.....	608-635-8110

#### SOUTHEAST REGION

Hartford (Pike Lake).....	262-670-3400
Kettle Moraine State Forest (North).....	262-626-2116
Kettle Moraine State Forest (South).....	262-594-6200
Milwaukee .....	414-263-8500
Plymouth .....	920-892-8756
Sturtevant.....	262-884-2300

#### WEST CENTRAL REGION

Baldwin.....	715-684-2914
Black River Falls.....	715-284-1400
Eau Claire .....	715-839-3700
La Crosse .....	608-785-9000
Wausau.....	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids.....	715-421-7800

## ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Regulation Branch, St. Paul District  
190 Fifth Street East, Suite 401, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638  
[www.mvp.usace.army.mil/](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/)

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture, Natural  
Resources Conservation Service  
8030 Excelsior Drive, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53717  
**Phone 608-662-4422**  
[www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/)

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

USDA, Farm Service Agency  
6515 Watts Road, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53719  
**Phone 608-276-8732**  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/wi/news/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wi/news/)

## U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Region 3: Great Lakes-Big Rivers  
Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/)

Partners for Fish and Wildlife  
4511 Helgesen Drive, Madison, WI 53718-6747  
**Phone 608-221-1206**

## WISCONSIN WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

614 West Capitol Drive, Hartland, WI 53029  
**Phone 262-369-6309**  
[www.wisducks.org/](http://www.wisducks.org/)

## **FOREST HEALTH PROTECTION**

Contact a Wisconsin DNR forest health specialist.

### **FOREST HEALTH SPECIALISTS**

Department of Natural Resources  
810 West Maple, Spooner, WI 54801  
**Phone 715-635-4156**

Department of Natural Resources  
2984 Shawano Avenue, PO Box 10448, Green Bay,  
WI 54307  
**Phone 920-662-5172**

Department of Natural Resources  
107 Sutliff Avenue, Rhineland, WI 54501  
**Phone 715-365-8908**

Department of Natural Resources  
1300 West Clairemont Avenue, PO Box 4001, Eau Claire,  
WI 54702  
**Phone 715-839-1632**

### **FOREST PATHOLOGIST**

Department of Natural Resources  
3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711  
**Phone 608-275-3275**

### **INSECT AND DISEASE IDENTIFICATION**

University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic  
**<http://pddc.wisc.edu/>**

University of Wisconsin Pest Diagnostic Lab  
**[www.entomology.wisc.edu/diaglab/entodiag.html](http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/diaglab/entodiag.html)**

### **PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING AND LICENSING FOR STATE CERTIFICATION**

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of Agronomy  
Pesticide Applicator Training  
1575 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1597  
**Phone 608-262-7588**

### **NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE SPILLS: REPORT ALL SPILLS TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**24-hour Emergency Hotline Number 1-800-943-0003;**  
when answered, press "1" for spills.

## **NUISANCE ANIMAL CONTROL**

Wisconsin Cooperative Nuisance Wildlife Program  
USDA Wildlife Services  
**Phone 1-800-433-0688**

## **NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES**

Non-native invasive species can be a serious concern for forest regeneration and growth, as well as impacting wildlife habitat and recreation. The following sources can provide information about non-native invasive species:

Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Endangered Resources  
**<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/>**

Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin  
**[www.ipaw.org](http://www.ipaw.org)**

Wildland Invasive Species Team, The Nature Conservancy  
**<http://www.invasive.org/gist/>**

Plant Conservation Alliance, Weeds Gone Wild  
**[www.nps.gov/plants/alien/](http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/)**

## **WATER CROSSINGS**

### **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS; INSTALLATION OF BRIDGES AND CULVERTS, CONTACT:**

The nearest Wisconsin DNR Water Management Specialist. The Wisconsin DNR web site has complete information about waterway and wetland permits at  
**<http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/>**.

### **FOR DESIGN ASSISTANCE, CONTACT:**

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Wisconsin State Office  
6515 Watts Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719-2726  
**Phone 608-264-5341**  
**[www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/news/](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/news/)**



## **PRESCRIBED BURNING**

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### **BURNING PERMITS**

On lands under Wisconsin DNR protection, contact local Wisconsin DNR Service Centers, Ranger Stations, and Wisconsin DNR Emergency Fire Wardens. On lands under USFS protection, contact USFS District Ranger Stations or USFS Fire Wardens. On lands outside of Wisconsin DNR or USFS protection, permits might be required from the local township (see government listings in your local telephone directories).

### **FIRE WEATHER**

Current fire weather forecasts, fire danger ratings, and burning permit regulations are available via links on the Wisconsin DNR web site (navigate to the fire pages) at <http://new.dnr.wi.gov/environment/fire/>.

### **BURNING ASSISTANCE**

If you need help conducting prescribed fires, see the *Directory of Foresters* for the names of consultants that offer prescribed burning services.

## **ENDANGERED, THREATENED OR SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES**

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### **FEDERAL WEB SITE**

[www.fws.gov/endangered](http://www.fws.gov/endangered)

### **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DIVISION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES**

BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling,  
MN 55111-4056  
**Phone 612-713-5360**

### **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR), BUREAU OF ENDANGERED RESOURCES**

101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921  
**Phone 608-266-7012**  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/biodiversity/>

## **PESTICIDE USE**

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### **FOR INFORMATION ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES; PESTICIDE POISONING SYMPTOMS; OSHA'S STANDARDS**

Department of Health and Family Services  
Section of Environmental Health or Section of Occupational Health  
1 West Wilson Street, PO Box 309, Madison,  
WI 53701-0309  
**Phone 608-266-0923**

### **FOR INFORMATION ON PLASTIC CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Wisconsin Fertilizer & Chemical Association  
2317 International Lane, Suite 115, Madison, WI 53704  
**Phone 608-249-4070**

### **FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING PESTICIDE USE AND REGULATIONS; PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING; PESTICIDE CLEAN SWEEP; WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS; PERMITS FOR CONTROLLING RATS AND MICE**

WDATCP, Agriculture Resource Management Division  
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911, Madison,  
WI 53708-8911  
**Phone 608-224-4500**



## OTHER RESOURCES

### Certification and Climate Change

#### FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (FSC)

[www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)

FSC is an international non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests. Its main tools for achieving this are standard setting, independent certification and labeling of forest products. This offers customers around the world the ability to choose products from socially and environmentally responsible forestry.

#### AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM (ATFS)

<http://treefarmssystem.org>

ATFS is the oldest third party forest certification in the world. The ATFS was established in 1941 in response to the need to protect forest resources on private lands, provide advice and assistance to forest owners and ensure the continued supply of wood and other forest products. ATFS has certified 24 million acres of privately owned forestland and more than 90,000 family forest owners in 46 states. ATFS has been successful in helping forest owners protect water resources, enhance wildlife habitat and create recreational opportunities all while harvesting wood in sustainable ways. Some ATFS certified forests are now in their third or fourth generation of sustainable harvests on the same land.

#### SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE (SFI)

[www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org)

SFI is a non-profit, charitable, independent organization with more than 195 million acres certified to its forest certification standard in the United States and Canada. The rigorous, science-based SFI standard covers key values such as protection of biodiversity, species at risk and wildlife habitat; sustainable harvest levels; protection of water quality; and prompt regeneration. All SFI certifications require independent, third-party audits and are performed by internationally accredited certification bodies.

#### PROGRAMME FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF FOREST CERTIFICATION (PEFC)

[www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)

PEFC is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification. This offers customers and consumers the option to choose products from environmentally and socially responsible and economically viable forestry.

#### WISCONSIN INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS (WICCI)

[www.wicci.wisc.edu](http://www.wicci.wisc.edu)

The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts is a statewide collaboration to find adaptation strategies to the potential impacts of climate change in our state.

Adaptation will be the key to reducing the negative impacts of climate change and capitalizing on opportunities that develop. As we work to reduce emissions of greenhouse, momentum already in the climate system guarantees that we will see significant warming, changes in precipitation patterns and snow cover, and increases in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Many changes are already being observed.

WICCI is designed to investigate potential climate change impacts on specific natural resources, ecosystems, economic activities, and regions. It will evaluate risks and vulnerabilities in each of these areas and develop strategies for adaptation that can be used in natural resource management, municipal decision making, economic development, public health, and other critical components of Wisconsin's quality of life. WICCI began as a partnership between the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin DNR. It has grown to include participants from many other state agencies and institutions.

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